

## Bexar County 2004 Leading Maternal Indicators by Age Group

<18 Years	<u>Number</u>	% of Total
Births to Single Mothers	1,290	88.7%
Births to Mothers Receiving Late or no Prenatal Care	478	32.9%
Prematurity <37 Weeks	201	13.8%
Low Birth Weight Infants (<2500 grams)	143	9.8%
Medicaid Births	1167	80.3%
Total Births	1,454	100%

18 - 21 Years	<u>Number</u>	% of Total
Births to Single Mothers	3,278	65.4%
Births to Mothers Receiving Late or no Prenatal Care	986	19.7%
Prematurity <37 Weeks	636	12.7%
Low Birth Weight Infants (<2500 grams)	456	9.1%
Medicaid Births	3,808	75.9%
Total Births	5,016	100%

22 - 35 Years	<u>Number</u>	% of Total
Births to Single Mothers	4,869	29.6%
Births to Mothers Receiving Late or no Prenatal Care	1,771	10.8%
Prematurity <37 Weeks	2,051	12.5%
Low Birth Weight Infants (<2500 grams)	1,410	8.6%
Medicaid Births	6,798	41.3%
Total Births	16,458	100%

36 plus Years	<u>Number</u>	% of Total
Births to Single Mothers	389	18.8%
Births to Mothers Receiving Late or no Prenatal Care	186	9.0%
Prematurity <37 Weeks	305	14.7%
Low Birth Weight Infants (<2500 grams)	224	10.8%
Medicaid Births	495	23.9%
Total Births	2,071	100%

To assure that Bexar County has a vibrant, nurturing community, maternal child health indicators offer a window to the future. Healthy mothers and infants reflect the past accomplishments and investments San Antonio has made to assure successful families. Leaders must continue to strive to emphasize the work that must be done to assure avenues to a healthier community. Looking at the 2004 maternal indicators, there are tremendous opportunities in expanding current comprehensive prenatal management of women under age 18 and in reducing the number of births for women younger than 22, most of whom qualify for Medicaid. Both of these groups experience social and financial problems throughout the pregnancy which may threaten the health of the mother and the fetus and often lead to poor birth outcomes.

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Medicaid does not include Emergency Medicaid